

**2nd QUARTER 2004
KOMU-TV COLUMBIA, MISSOURI**

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1ST, 2004 TO JUNE 30TH, 2004. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

2ND QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM /SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/1	10 P.M.	1:19	<p>LINCOLN UNIVERSITY PUT OUT AN EIGHT-PAGE PRESS RELEASE BLASTING STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.</p> <p>LINCOLN PROVIDES THE TEACHERS FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION CLASSES AT STATE FAIR IN JEFFERSON CITY.</p> <p>STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEASES A BUILDING IN ORDER TO HAVE CLASSES IN JEFFERSON CITY. BUT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY SAYS THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO. LINCOLN OFFERED TO SHARE THE CAMPUS TO SAVE MONEY, BUT THE SFCC PRESIDENT SAYS SHE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. LINCOLN SAYS STATE FAIR DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH FEATURES LIKE LIBRARIES AND LABS TO SERVE STUDENTS.</p> <p>ALSO, THEY SAY THE TWO SCHOOLS ARE SO SIMILAR, THAT LINCOLN'S ENROLLMENT COULD SUFFER UNDER THE COMPETITION. STATE FAIR ENROLLS 32- HUNDRED STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE. BUT JUST 325 IN JEFFERSON CITY. STUDENTS CREATED WEBSITES TO -QUOTE- "SAVE OUR SCHOOL" AND THEY BOUGHT A HALF- PAGE AD IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.</p> <p>YESTERDAY LINCOLN UNIVERSITY BOUGHT A TWO-PAGE SPREAD DETAILING THE TROUBLES BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/2	6 P.M.	: 33	<p>MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS COULD GET A PAY RAISE IF A BILL PASSED BY THE MISSOURI HOUSE BECOMES LAW.</p> <p>THE BILL WOULD ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BOOST PAY AND OTHER INCENTIVES FOR HARDER TO FILL POSITIONS, LIKE MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS.</p> <p>SOME EDUCATORS SAY THERE MIGHT BE BACKLASH AMONG TEACHERS OF OTHER SUBJECTS WITH EQUAL EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.</p> <p>OTHERS SAY THERE ARE FEWER TEACHERS QUALIFIED TO TEACH THESE SUBJECTS, AND SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO ATTRACT THEM.</p> <p>IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM, TEACHERS MIGHT HAVE TO AGREE TO A MINIMUM THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.</p>

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/5	10 P.M.	1:39	<p>THE MISSOURI CLASSROOM HAS BEEN THE FOCUS FOR BOTH PARTIES THIS YEAR. NOW, LAWMAKERS ARE TURNING THEIR WORDS INTO DOLLAR SIGNS.</p> <p>ALONG PARTY LINE VOTES, THE REPUBLICAN LED BUDGET COMMITTEE SENT ITS PLAN FOR FUNDING EDUCATION TO THE FULL HOUSE.... A PLAN COMMITTEE CHAIR CARL BEARDEN SAYS SHOULD MAKE EDUCATORS HAPPY.</p> <p>HOW MUCH MORE MONEY CAN EDUCATORS EXPECT?</p> <p>THIS YEAR, MISSOURI'S BUDGET HAS MORE THAN FOUR-AND-A-HALF BILLION DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION.</p> <p>UNDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET, PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD GET AN ADDITIONAL FORTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM STATE AND OTHER NON-FEDERAL FUNDS NEXT YEAR.</p> <p>IN THE PLAN, HIGHER EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, WILL GET ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AS LAST YEAR.</p> <p>BUT ONE DEMOCRAT SAYS THIS ISN'T ENOUGH.</p> <p>THAT'S COLLEGE STUDENTS, WILSON SAYS. SHE SAYS THE STATE, NOT TUITION INCREASES, SHOULD PAY FOR INFLATION IN HIGHER ED COSTS.</p> <p>AND GOVERNOR HOLDEN, PREDICTIBLY, WAS QUICK TO BLAST THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET PLAN, SAYING:</p> <p>BUT BEARDEN SAYS THEIR PLAN DOESN'T HAVE THE FUNDING GAPS FOUND IN HOLDEN'S PLAN.</p> <p>LAWMAKERS HAVE UNTIL MAY 7TH TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ON THE BUDGET.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/6	6 P.M.	1:05	<p>GOSSIP WASN'T THE ONLY THING KELSEY DIRSCHELL AND HER FRIENDS WERE TALKING ABOUT AT COLE COUNTY R-1 HIGH SCHOOL.</p> <p>STUDENTS WERE ALSO TALKING ABOUT THE ELECTION AND PROPOSITION C WHICH WOULD HELP FUND MANY DISTRICT PROGRAMS SUCH AS MUSIC, SPORTS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE.</p> <p>IF IT PASSES, PROPOSTION C WOULD RAISE TAXES ABOUT 100 DOLLARS FOR SOMEONE WHO OWNS A 100-THOUSAND DOLLAR HOME. HOWEVER, NOT EVERYONE SUPPORTS THE TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL.</p> <p>STUDENTS TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THE PROPOSAL DOESN'T PASS.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/7	10 P.M.	1:11	<p>PART OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN ELDON WAS BUILT IN THE 1930'S.</p> <p>BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE PIPES THAT NEED FIXING.</p>

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HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/8	6 P.M.	: 52	<p>TWO-WEEK-OLD JERICHA STEWART IS GETTING CARE FROM HER DOCTOR. BUT DOCTORS SAY HIGH INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE STEALING RESOURCES FROM PATIENTS.</p> <p>THAT'S BECAUSE COLUMBIA SENATOR KEN JACOB ADDED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS... ONE GIVES DOCTORS A STATE TAX CREDIT TO COVER PART OF THE INCREASE IN MALPRACTICE INSURANCE.</p> <p>JACOB VOTED AGAINST THE BILL, AND SAYS HE'LL DO MORE</p> <p>THE BILL SPONSOR SAYS THE NEXT NOISE ON THIS BILL WILL LIKELY COME IN A COMMITTEE OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 5	4/9	5 P.M.	: 23	<p>IT'S GOOD FRIDAY, AND FOR MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THINGS JUST BECAME BETTER.</p> <p>TODAY, GOVERNOR HOLDEN ANNOUNCED HE WILL RELEASE 127 MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.</p> <p>THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE DECIDED TO RELEASE THE FUNDS TODAY AFTER RECEIVING NEWS OF GOVERNMENT SAVINGS, UNEXPECTED REVENUE FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENTS, AND UNREDEEMED STATE TAX CREDITS.</p> <p>THE MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS FINANCING THE EDUCATION FUNDING.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/10	10 P.M.	1:05	<p>Finger lakes state park is definitely growing, but campers who come to this area won't have to worry about paying higher prices</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/11	10 P.M.	1:20	<p>POPCORN, SODA, AND A TICKET...THE COST ALL ADDS UP... BUT ONE THEATER HAS A SOLUTION TO THE EXPENSIVE MOVIE BLUES. COLUMBIA'S FORUM EIGHT THEATER OFFERS FREE MOVIE SHOWINGS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MORNINGS THROUGHOUT THE SPRING SEASON.</p> <p>THE THEATER RENTS OLD REELS OF MOVIES THAT HAVE ALREADY LEFT THEATERS AND PLAYS THEM FOR CUSTOMERS AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE.</p> <p>BUT HOW CAN THE THEATER AFFORD TO</p>

					<p>SHOW THE FREE FEATURES? TENGWALL SAYS THE FREE FILMS AND CHEAP CONCESSIONS HELP BRING IN MORE CUSTOMERS THAN THEY WOULD HAVE ON A NORMAL DAY. HE SAYS THE FEATURES HELP KEEP THE THEATER BUSY. FOUR TIMES AS MANY CUSTOMERS, MORE REVENUE FOR THE THEATER, AND FREE FUN FOR FAMILIES. THE THEATER WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW MOVIES FREE OF CHARGE THROUGH MAY NINTH.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/12	10 P.M.	:24	<p>IT'S WEST BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY. THERE WILL BE STAFFING, PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING CHANGES. WEST BOULEVARD WAS THE ONLY COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HAVE ALL ITS STUDENTS TEST BELOW STATE GOALS. THE SCHOOL BOARD HOPES TO IMPROVE TEST SCORES BY LENGETHENING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS, AND MAKING THE DAY LONGER FOR TEACHERS. ALL TEACHERS WHO WANT TO WORK AT THE MODEL SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO APPLY. THE NEW PROGRAM WILL BE VERY DIFFERENT FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/13	6 P.M.	:18	<p>LAWMAKERS ARE TRYING TO RENEW THE 50-CENT FEE THAT EXPIRED AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. YOU PAID THE FEE ON ALL NEW TIRES. YOU PAY WHEN YOU BUY ANY NEW TIRES. AS K-O-M-U CAPITAL CAUCUS TIM RAGONES SHOWS US, THE STATE'S TIRE CLEANUP PROGRAM IS TREADING WATER WITHOUT IT.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/14	6 P.M.	:29	<p>THEY MARCHED AROUND THE CAPITOL TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST MORE THAN 60 MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS INCLUDED IN THE HOUSE BUDGET PLAN. THE HOUSE PLAN WOULD MAKE IT HARDER TO QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID AND ELIMINATE SOME SERVICES THAT MEDICAID OFFERS. DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS AND THE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR RESTORING THOSE MEDICAID CUTS. THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON THE NEW BUDGET. MEMBERS HAVE DISCUSSED REJECTING THOSE MEDICAID CUTS.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/15	10 P.M.	:20	<p>MORE THAN 300 JEFFERSON CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL BE LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE TO STUDY NEXT FALL. THAT'S BECAUSE STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS CLOSING THE DOORS ON ITS JEFFERSON CITY CAMPUS. AS KOMU'S ZACK OTTENSTEIN TELLS US, THOSE STUDENTS ARE WORRIED THE COST OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION MAYBE OUT OF THEIR REACH.</p>

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/16	6 P.M.	:43	<p>THE TORT REFORM BILL WOULD REDUCE THE MAXIMUM MONETARY DAMAGES PATIENTS CAN RECIEVE FROM LAWSUITS AGAINST DOCTORS BY 30-PERCENT. MISSOURI PHYSICIANS SAY THE BILL WOULD STOP THE FLOW OF DOCTORS WHO ARE LEAVING THE STATE.</p> <p>DOCTORS SAY THEY CURRENTLY PAY MORE THAN A HUNDRED-THOUSAND DOLLARS EVERYYEAR FOR MAL-PRACTICE INSURANCE.</p> <p>THAT'S A COST THEY SAY COULD DRIVE THEM OUT OF BUSINESS.</p> <p>"IF IT COSTS ME 200-DOLLARS TO GO IN THE ROOM TO SEE A PATIENT TO PAY MY PREMIUM, AND I GET REIMBURSED 24 DOLLARS FOR EXAMPLE, YOU DO THE MATH."</p> <p>THE TORT REFORM BILL FAILED LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF GOVERNOR HOLDEN'S VETO. THAT'S BECAUSE SOME DEMOCRATS SAY THE BILL WOULD TAKE AWAY MONEY THAT PATIENTS DESERVE.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/17	10 P.M.	1:04	<p>ERIK MORRIS DOESN'T HAVE TO LOOK AT HIS CALENDAR TO KNOW SPRINGTIME IS HERE. PLANTS AND FLOWERS POLLINATED BY THE WIND TEND TO BE THE MOST COMMON OFFENDERS.</p> <p>M-U HORTICULTURE PROFESSOR DAVE TRINKLEIN KNOWS EXACTLY WHY IT AFFECTS ALLERGY VICTIMS.</p> <p>AND PRETTY SOON SOME PEOPLE CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE AND SEEK THE HELP OF A PHARMACIST.</p> <p>WHILE OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS MIGHT WORK TO RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS OF SOME SUFFERERS, FOR OTHERS FINDING A SOLUTION IS NOT SO EASY.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/18	10 P.M.	:58	<p>INSTEAD OF ENJOYING A PRETTY SUNDAY AFTERNOON OUTSIDE...</p> <p>"I am cracking, and whisking, and cooking 144 eggs."</p> <p>SKIP ELKIN'S BUSY IN THE KITCHEN.</p> <p>"I am the egg scrambler."</p> <p>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS SPENT A FEW HOURS CARVING, CRACKING, AND STIRRING TO SAY THANK YOU TO SOME BOONE COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>"It's just a nice way of saying I know you give up a lot of your personal time for the betterment of the whole community and we just appreciate what you do."</p> <p>"Tomorrow is the first breakfast here at the Boone County Government Center. They hope to feed about 110 mouths. But, by the end of the week, they hope to feed about 300 people."</p> <p>"We're giving them breakfast -- which is the most important meal of the day."</p> <p>AND THEY'LL BE WAKING UP EXTRA EARLY</p>

					<p>TO DO IT...</p> <p>"I have to be here at 5 AM."</p> <p>"It's just a small token of our appreciation."</p> <p>"I hope they enjoy it."</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/19	6 P.M.	1:19	<p>TO REDUCE LITTERING IN SALINE COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STARTED AN INVESTIGATION WITH HIDDEN CAMERAS TO CATCH LITTERBUGS. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, NINE PEOPLE WERE CHARGED WITH 18 COUNTS OF LITTERING.</p> <p>IN SALINE COUNTY'S FIRST STING, 15 WERE CHARGED WITH 25 COUNTS... THAT'S A TOTAL OF 43 COUNTS CAUGHT ON CAMERA. FARMERS IN THE AREA WORRY ABOUT THE DUMPSITE THAT'S SO CLOSE TO THEIR LAND. THE D-N-R SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO USE HIDDEN CAMERAS STATEWIDE TO STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/20	10 P.M.	1:18	<p>DANA MEYER'S INSURANCE GIVES HER THE OPTION OF BUYING PRESCRIPTIONS ONLINE OR GOING TO A LOCAL PHARMACIST. BUT SOME STATES ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE FOREIGN PERScription SITES. AND MANY PEOPLE GO THERE LOOKING FOR CHEAPER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. BUT MOST OF THOSE SITES ARE NOT IN THE UNITED STATES AND A NEW STUDY SHOWS THEY DON'T SEND THE PRESCRIBED DRUGS. THE US FEDERAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOUND THAT 89 PERCENT OF THE DRUGS IT TESTED WEREN'T THE DRUGS PRESCRIBED.</p> <p>SO IT RELEASED ITS "LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING" CAMPAIGN.</p> <p>THE MPA WANTS MORE PEOPLE TO PRESCRIBE TO MEYER'S THOUGHTS TO FIND A GOOD PRICE AND BUY WITHIN THE US. ADAM HUGHES, K-O-M-U NEWS, COLUMBIA.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/21	6 P.M.	1:02	<p>FULTON CHIROPRACTOR DANA ROBERTSON SENDS ALL OF HER CUSTOMERS TO THE NICHE. BUT, THAT CONVENIENCE COULD CHANGE IF THE NICHE CLOSES.</p> <p>IT OPENED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO... AND IT'S IMPACT IS WIDE SPREAD.</p> <p>JILL FOWLER, THE STORES OWNER WANTS TO MOVE CLOSER TO FAMILY.</p> <p>SO, SOME FULTON WOMEN FORMED A CO-OP TO TRY TO KEEP IT OPEN AFTER THE FOUNDER IS GONE.</p> <p>THEY ARE ENCOURAGING CUSTOMERS TO PARTNER WITH THEM TO KEEP IT OPEN.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/22	10 P.M.	1:15	<p>KENT HEITHOLT WAS MURDERED IN THE TRIBUNE PARKING LOT IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 2001. THERE ARE NO RULES FOR COVERING A STORY LIKE THIS.</p> <p>BUT THEY SAY THEIR COVERAGE OF THIS MURDER DIDN'T DIFFER FROM ANY OTHERS. THE REPORTERS HAD TO COVER THIS</p>

					<p>STORY AGAIN WHEN THE NEWS OF THE ARRESTS BROKE IN MARCH. SOME EVEN HAD TO INTERVIEW EACH OTHER.</p> <p>THE COVERAGE OF THIS STORY CONTINUES WITH THE PRELIMINARY HEARINGS. THE REPORTERS AT THE TRIB ARE HANDLING THE STORY THE BEST THEY CAN - THEY DO THEIR JOBS, AND, THEN DEAL WITH THEIR EMOTIONS LATER.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/23	6 P.M.	1:17	<p>THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE SALINE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE... THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ISN'T A LOT OF FUNDING TO PAY FOR EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>RECENT STATE FUNDING CUTBACKS MEANT THREE LOST JOBS.</p> <p>IT ALSO MEANS FEWER PEOPLE IN SALINE COUNTY CAN GET EASY ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>ANOTHER EMPLOYEE PLANS ON LEAVING AT THE END OF THE MONTH.</p> <p>NOW, THERE'S ONLY THREE PEOPLE ON STAFF MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.</p> <p>MILLER SAYS SHE HAS TO HELP WITH EXTRA JOBS AROUND THE OFFICE.</p> <p>THE HEALTH OFFICE WANTS TO BECOME A HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO GET MORE FUNDING AND BRING BACK CUT PROGRAMS THAT THOMAS CONSIDERS IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/24	6 P.M.	1:20	<p>HE WANTED A BILL MORE NARROWLY TARGETED TO MEDICAL AWARDS... AND LAWMAKERS SAY THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY HAVE NOW.</p> <p>LAWMAKERS SAY, WITHOUT THE BILL, DOCTORS HAVE TWO CHOICES: TO PAY INCREASING COSTS FOR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE OR TO STOP DELIVERING THEIR SERVICES.</p> <p>IF THE BILL PASSES THROUGH THE GOVERNOR, IT WILL CAP MEDICAL DAMAGES AT 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS.</p> <p>IT WOULD ALSO LIMIT THE CAP FOR EACH DOCTOR TO ONE SETTLEMENT PER INJURY.</p> <p>THE BILL WOULD PREVENT LAWSUITS FROM MOVING TO JURISDICTIONS KNOWN FOR LARGE AWARDS.</p> <p>AND COURTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD DOCTORS LIABLE FOR THEIR STATEMENTS OF SYMPATHY OVER PAIN OR DEATH.</p> <p>AT THE SAME TIME LEGISLATORS PASSED THE BILL, THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE SAYS MALPRACTICE CLAIMS REACHED RECORD LOWS IN 2003.</p> <p>THESE FIGURES SHOW THE BILL MIGHT BE LARGELY IRRELEVANT IN CURBING THESE AWARDS... SOMETHING THE GOVERNOR WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.</p>

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/26	10 P.M.	1:06	<p>THE SUPERINTENDENT TOLD THE SCHOOL BOARD THE DISTRICT GOT ALMOST TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS EXTRA FROM THE STATE THIS MONTH. BUT THAT IS WHERE THE GOOD NEWS ENDS. ELDON IS STILL FALLING SHORT OF ITS BUDGET.</p> <p>THEY RECENTLY CUT JOBS, INCLUDING THE FRENCH AND HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>AND THE MONEY FROM THE STATE PROBABLY WON'T GO TO THESE AREAS. INSTEAD THE MONEY WILL GO TO REPAIR SCHOOLS AND BUY NEW BUSES. BUT STUDENTS WANT THE MONEY BACK IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL BOARD SAYS IT WON'T HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION ON THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR UNTIL THE NEW BUDGET PASSES.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/27	10 P.M.	:51	<p>THE GOVERNOR VETOES. THE DOCTORS COMPLAIN. AND YOU MIGHT -- JUST MIGHT -- PAY HIGHER DOCTOR BILLS AS A RESULT. SOME MID-MISSOURI DOCTORS ARE UPSET THAT HOLDEN VETOED A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE BILL THAT WOULD CAP DAMAGE SETTLEMENTS.</p> <p>INSURANCE COMPANIES WANTED THE BILL BECAUSE IT LIMITED PAYOUTS IN COURT CASES.</p> <p>THE JEFFERSON CITY MEDICAL GROUP SAYS ITS MALPRACTICE INSURANCE WILL INCREASE NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS NEXT YEAR.</p> <p>BUT GOVERNOR HOLDEN SAYS THE BILL IS TOO BROAD AND DOES NOT CONTROL INSURANCE RATES.</p> <p>REPUBLICAN LEADERS SAY THEY'LL CONSIDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, BUT THEY'RE ALSO LINING UP VOTES TO OVERRIDE THE VETO.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/28	6 P.M.	1:00	<p>MISSOURI LAW SAYS CHILD CARE EMPLOYEES HAVE TO PASS BACKGROUND CHECKS.</p> <p>BUT CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK LESS THAN FIVE HOURS A WEEK DON'T. THOUGH NOT REQUIRED, SOME GROUPS, LIKE BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS, USE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL WORKERS.</p> <p>THE INTERSECTION USES MENTORS THROUGH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS. BUT GROUP VOLUNTEERS AT THE INTERSECTION ARE A DIFFERENT GROUP, AND DO NOT GO THROUGH BACKGROUND CHECKS.</p> <p>INTERSECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANA BATTISON SAYS THAT THE INTERSECTION IS STILL WORKING ON ITS POLICIES.</p>

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/29	10 P.M.	:44	<p>CRIME DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN IN CAMDENTON.</p> <p>THE WEYER FAMILY LIVES ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MURDER SCENE. THEY SAY HOPE'S DEATH WASN'T A SURPRISE.</p> <p>THEY NOTICED SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR LIKE HEAVY TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE. OTHERS HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH HOPE. FOR NOW POLICE CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION THEY HAVE NO SUSPECTS AT THIS TIME.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/30	10 P.M.	3:28	<p>THIS SUMMER, MOM AND DAD WILL NOT BE THE ONLY ONES WITH VISA CARDS IN THEIR WALLETS.</p> <p>COLUMBIA SCHOOL CHILDREN, SOME AS YOUNG AS SIX, WILL SOON POCKET THE PLASTIC. ((Nat sound))</p> <p>"SUMMER ADVENTURE" INCLUDES A 100-DOLLAR GIFT CARD FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING EVERY DAY.</p> <p>FOR THE FIRST TIME A PRIVATE COMPANY... "NEWTON LEARNING" IS RUNNING THE PROGRAM FOR THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.</p> <p>IT'S FREE SCHOOLING WITH LOTS OF INCENTIVES.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDES THE TEACHERS.</p> <p>NEWTON MAKES UP THE CURRICULUM. AND ACCORDING TO NEWTON'S LESSON PLAN, ATTITUDE, ACHIEVEMENT, AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE ALL LEAD TO PRIZES. NO GRADES... NO HOMEWORK... AND DAILY PRIZE RAFFLES... NOT A BAD DEAL FOR SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO COULD WALK AWAY WITH A GAMEBOY OR RIDE HOME ON A NEW BIKE.</p> <p>WHILE IT'S A COMMON MARKETING APPROACH FOR BUSINESSES...</p> <p>IT'S NEW TERRITORY FOR SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY WHEN BUDGETS ARE SO TIGHT...</p> <p>NEWTON PITCHED THE PRIZE-PLAN TO STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES... BUT MADE *NO* PRESENTATION TO PARENTS.</p> <p>BUT, ONE PARENT *ACCIDENTALLY* WITNESSED THE SALES PITCH FIRSTHAND. RACHEL HOWARD VOLUNTEERS FOUR DAYS A WEEK AT ROCK BRIDGE ELEMENTARY. SHE WAS SETTING UP FOR THE SCHOOL'S BOOK FAIR WHEN SHE HEARD THE PRESENTATION...A PRESENTATION THAT SHE SAYS GOES AGAINST EVERYTHING STUDENTS LEARN DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.</p> <p>HOWARD SAYS THEY ARE LURING CHILDREN WITH GIFTS INSTEAD OF LEARNING. BUT NEWTON DISAGREES.</p> <p>BUT THE DISTRICT TOLD NEWTON</p>

					<p>EMPLOYEES TO "TONE DOWN" THE PITCH TO STUDENTS... NOT ONCE...BUT **TWICE**.</p> <p>FOR NEWTON AND THE DISTRICT, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYS NEWTON 600 DOLLARS PER STUDENT.</p> <p>THE DISTRICT ALSO PICKS UP THE BILL FOR TEACHER SALARIES AND BUILDING COSTS.</p> <p>AND DESPITE THE POTENTIAL FOR PROFIT, SOME PARENTS ARE ALREADY CLOSING THE BOOK ON THIS ADVENTURE.</p> <p>BUT, SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE LEAVING NOTHING TO CHANCE.</p> <p>WHETHER IT'S THE CURRICULUM OR THE 100-DOLLAR VISA CARDS, NEWTON *IS* HAVING AN IMPACT.</p> <p>ENROLLMENT TRIPLED THIS YEAR... AND THE NUMBERS ARE STILL GROWING.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/1	10 P.M.	1:16	<p>RALPH GERLT KNEW HIS COUSIN CHARLIE WAS TROUBLE.</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT WAS THE BREAKING POINT.</p> <p>SIMMONS NEXT TURNED ON MARION.</p> <p>GERLT STRUGGLED TO THE PHONE TO CALL 9-1-1.</p> <p>DEPUTIES ARRIVED MINUTES LATER TO FIND SIMMONS POINTING A GUN STRAIGHT TOWARD THE DOOR.</p> <p>EVEN THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF SAYS THE GERLTS ARE LUCKY</p> <p>GERLT ALSO HAS SYMPATHY FOR SIMMONS' FAMILY, BUT HE KNOWS HIS OWN FAMILY'S LIFE IS NOW MUCH SAFER.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/2	10 P.M.	1:46	<p>WHEN SCHOOL SECRETARY DEE KLEKAMP FOUND OUT SCIENCE TEACHER JIM BEATTIE WAS SICK, SHE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL.</p> <p>SHE RECALLED THE JAPANESE STORY OF SADAKO...A YOUNG GIRL TRYING TO FOLD ONE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES SO HER WISH TO BE HEALED WOULD COME TRUE.</p> <p>UNFORTUNATELY, SADAKO DIED BEFORE COMPLETING THE CRANES, BUT HER FRIENDS FINISHED THEM AS A SYMBOL OF HOPE.</p> <p>STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY R-2 HIGH SCHOOL WANTED TO CREATE THIS SAME HOPE FOR BEATTIE.</p> <p>WHEN BEATTIE RETURNED HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL IN DECEMBER, HE FOUND ONE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES FLYING FROM STRINGS.</p> <p>BEATTIE SAYS THE CRANES' NEW HOME WILL GIVE PATIENTS SOMETHING POSITIVE TO FOCUS ON, KNOWING THEY HATCHED FROM THE HEARTS OF KIDS.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/3	10 P.M.	1:07	<p>VERA WHITTMORE UNDERGOES REGULAR CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS TO FIGHT CANCER.</p> <p>IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE TREATMENTS SHE SPENDS NOT ONLY MONEY BUT TIME</p>

					<p>GETTING HER PRESCRIPTIONS. BUT TODAY, IT'S ABOUT TO GET EASIER FOR HER AND OTHER SENIORS...AS THE NEW PERSCRIPTION DRUG CARD BECOMES AVAILABLE.</p> <p>THAT'S WHY REPERSENTATIVES FROM THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TOOK TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND CLARIFY THE PROGRAM AT A JEFFERSON CITY FORUM.</p> <p>EVEN WITH ALL THE AVAILABLE INFO ON THE LAW, OPPONENTS STILL TAKE ISSUE WITH WHAT THEY SEE AS LOOPHOLES FOR AN ISSUE WHICH RAISES SO MANY QUESTIONS ONLY A FEW SENIORS TURNED OUT FOR THE FORUM.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/4	10 P.M.	1:07	<p>JD MCKENZIE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT THE CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW WHEN IT FIRST WENT INTO EFFECT.</p> <p>AFTER HALLSVILLE'S POLICE CHIEF PETE HERRING ISSUED MORE THAN 50 CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS MONDAY, HE THINKS EVEN LESS OF IT.</p> <p>HERRING SAYS MISCOMMUNICATION WITH THE F-B-I DELAYED THE PROCESSING THROUGH THE HIGHWAY PATROL.</p> <p>THAT'S BECAUSE THE CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW SAYS EVEN IF ALL THE CHECK AREN'T DONE, THE PERMITS MUST BE ISSUED AFTER 45 DAYS.</p> <p>HERRING GOT ALL THE BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION TODAY FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.</p> <p>HE SAID HE DOESN'T EXPECT THIS PROBLEM TO HAPPEN AGAIN.</p> <p>NZIE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT THE CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW WHEN IT FIRST WENT INTO EFFECT.</p> <p>AFTER HALLSVILLE'S POLICE CHIEF PETE HERRING ISSUED MORE THAN 50 CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS MONDAY, HE THINKS EVEN LESS OF IT.</p> <p>HERRING SAYS MISCOMMUNICATION WITH THE F-B-I DELAYED THE PROCESSING THROUGH THE HIGHWAY PATROL.</p> <p>THAT'S BECAUSE THE CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW SAYS EVEN IF ALL THE CHECK AREN'T DONE, THE PERMITS MUST BE ISSUED AFTER 45 DAYS.</p> <p>HERRING GOT ALL THE BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION TODAY FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.</p> <p>HE SAID HE DOESN'T EXPECT THIS PROBLEM TO HAPPEN AGAIN.</p>
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/5	6 P.M.	:38	<p>THE COLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTACTED SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MARK VEIT AND TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE BEST TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL THROUGH FRIDAY.</p> <p>INSTEAD OF GOING TO CLASSES THIS WEEK, ALL STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO VISIT</p>

					<p>DOCTORS AND START ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT.</p> <p>THEY MUST TAKE THE ANTIBIOTICS FOR FIVE DAYS AND HAVE A DOCTOR'S NOTE FOR PROOF BEFORE THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL, WHICH RE-OPENS ON MONDAY.</p> <p>STUDENTS WHO DON'T TAKE THE ANTIBIOTICS CANNOT RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS, THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.</p> <p>IVAH SCOTT IS THE DIRECTOR AT THE COLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>SHE SAYS THAT THOUGH THE VIRUS ISN'T DANGEROUS, PEOPLE NEED TO BE AWARE OF IT.</p>
HEALTH/GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/6	10 P.M.	:19	<p>LEADERS FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE MET TODAY TO HAMMER OUT THE FINAL DETAILS, WHEN SENATORS CHALLENGED THE HOUSE ON THE CUTS.</p> <p>AND SENATORS GOT THEIR WAY...</p> <p>THE HOUSE WANTED MORE THAN 45-THOUSAND CUT AT FIRST... BUT TONIGHT THAT NUMBER IS JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN 300.</p> <p>STILL... SENATE LEADERSHIP IS SPLIT ON WHETHER THE COMPROMISE WAS FAIR.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/7	10 P.M.	:58	<p>THE G-O-P SAYS THE MEDICAID CUTS WILL HELP STEM THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM, BUT SOME DEMOCRATS ARE FUMING BECAUSE THE CHANGES MAY CAUSE SOME PEOPLE TO BE CUT FROM MEDICAID COMPLETELY.</p> <p>BUT REPUBLICANS ARE CELEBRATING BECAUSE THE G-O-P CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE WAS ABLE TO PASS THE BUDGET AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.</p> <p>AND SOME DEMOCRATS ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE BUDGET.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/8	6 .M.	:6	<p>THE AUDIT CAME FROM AUDITOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL'S OFFICE.</p> <p>THE STATE'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS BASED ON RESPONSES FROM LOCAL EMERGENCY CREWS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.</p> <p>THE AUDIT OF THOSE TEAMS SAID THAT, DESPITE IMPLIED STAFFING LEVEL REQUIREMENTS, THE STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DID NOT OBTAIN OR REQUIRE INFORMATION ABOUT TEAM STAFFING LEVELS.</p> <p>THE AUDIT RAISES CONCERNS THAT, IF TEAMS ARE UNDERSTAFFED, IT COULD AFFECT THEIR PERFORMANCE IN AN EMERGENCY.</p> <p>THERE ARE ALSO EQUIPMENT CONCERNS. SEMA DOES NOT KNOW HOW MUCH EQUIPMENT EACH TEAM HAS IN TOTAL, OR IF THE EQUIPMENT IS ADEQUATELY INSURED.</p> <p>SEMA HAS BEEN TRACKING EQUIPMENT</p>

					THROUGH SPREADSHEETS, BUT MCCASKILL'S OFFICE FOUND THOSE REPORTS WERE INCOMPLETE AND INACCURATE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/9	10 P.M.	3:52	<p>WHEN AMY CAREY GETS OUT OF SCHOOL, LIKE MOST 11- YEAR- OLDS, SHE LIKES TO PLAY.</p> <p>WANDA AND ROGER CAREY ADOPTED AMY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, AFTER TAKING HER IN AS A FOSTER CHILD.</p> <p>SHE WASN'T THEIR FIRST DEAF FOSTER CHILD.</p> <p>BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THIS LITTLE GIRL WAS DIFFERENT FOR THEM.</p> <p>BUT THE CAREY'S SAY FOSTER CARE WAS NOT KIND TO AMY.</p> <p>FOR YEARS SHE HAD ALMOST NO COMMUNICATION TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.</p> <p>WANDA AND ROGER STARTED SIGNING WITH AMY IMMEDIATELY, AND SHE RESPONDED.</p> <p>IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, INTERPRETERS HAVE TO BE LICENSED AND CERTIFIED.</p> <p>AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO WORK.</p> <p>FOR EXAMPLE- TO INTERPRET IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL, AN INTERPRETER MUST BE AN INTERMEDIATE, LIKE WANDA.</p> <p>IN A HOSPITAL, ONLY THE BEST INTERPRETERS CAN BE HIRED.</p> <p>BUT A NEW BILL SPONSORED BY A HOUSE REPUBLICAN WOULD SUSPEND THOSE STANDARDS FOR TWO YEARS.</p> <p>HE SAYS THERE JUST ARE NOT ENOUGH INTERPRETERS AT THOSE LEVELS, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS.</p> <p>INSTEAD, BEHNEN WANTS TO ALLOW... SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND HOSPITALS TO HIRE PEOPLE WITH LESS QUALIFICATIONS.</p> <p>HE SAYS HIS BILL WILL HELP ALL DEAF CHILDREN HAVE *SOME KIND* OF INTERPRETER, LIKE IN CALIFORNIA, WHERE THE CAREY'S LIVE, BECAUSE THE SUPPLY IS SO LOW.</p> <p>WANDA DISAGREES.</p> <p>SHE SAYS THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICT SAID THEY COULD NOT FIND ANY QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS.</p> <p>SHE LIVES ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL.</p> <p>SENATOR ANITA YECKEL SAYS THE STANDARDS ARE NOT IN PLACE TO HELP CHILDREN AT ALL.</p> <p>THE MISSOURI COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING IS LOBBYING AGAINST THE BILL TOO.</p> <p>COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY IT'S DANGEROUS, NOT JUST TO CHILDREN, BUT THE WHOLE DEAF POPULATION.</p> <p>THE LAWMAKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC THE BILL WILL PASS AND MOVE TO THE GOVERNOR.</p> <p>WANDA AND ROGER HOPE AMY WILL NEVER</p>

					FEEL THE BILL'S EFFECTS. IT'S A BALANCE THE CAREYS HOPE TO KEEP TILTED IN THEIR ADVANTAGE.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/10	6P.M.	:25	THE CENTRAL MISSOURI CORRECTIONAL CENTER IS TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT A WHOOPING COUGH OUTBREAK. THIS AFTER A STAFF MEMBER TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE DISEASE. OFFICIALS AT THE CHURCH FARM IN COLE COUNTY ARE MONITORING THE AREA WHERE THE STAFF MEMBER WORKED AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. THEY SUSPENDED PRISON VISITS OVER THE WEEKEND AND POSTPONED THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM UNTIL WEDNESDAY. THE PRISON IS WAITING TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE SHOWS SYMPTOMS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/11	10 P.M.	:34	THE COLUMBIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUT INFORMATION ONLINE ABOUT WHOOPING COUGH AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. THIS AFTER THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUED A HEALTH ADVISORY ON PERTUSSIS OR WHOOPING COUGH TO LOCAL DOCTORS. COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALSO SENT HOME NOTES ABOUT THE CONFIRMED CASES. PARENTS TOLD US TODAY THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE INFECTED CHILDREN RODE A BUS THAT SERVES SMITHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WEST JUNIOR HIGH. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY MANY STUDENTS WERE TESTED AT COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CONFIRMED CASES, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOESN'T WANT PARENTS TO WORRY.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/12	10 P.M.	1:15	MARIBELL YBARRA (E-BAR-A) JUST LEARNED HER CHILDREN'S *FREE* PRESCHOOL IS CLOSING. MORE THAN 45 CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS GO TO THE FEDERALLY FUNDED SCHOOL. THE SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS OVERSEEN THE BI-LINGUAL PROJECT FOR FOUR YEARS. AND, SINCE THE PRESCHOOL'S GRANT WON'T BE RENEWED THERE'S NOTHING THE DISTRICT CAN DO, BUT LET IT CLOSE. NOT ALL OF THE STUDENTS LIVE IN SEDALIA... SOME TRAVEL UP TO THIRTY MINUTES TO GET HERE. AND SOME PARENTS CAN'T PAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND ANOTHER PRESCHOOL. CLASSES END JUNE THIRTIETH.
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/13	6 P.M.	:27	WEARING YOUR SEATBELT COULD PROTECT YOUR WALLET AS WELL AS YOUR BODY BECAUSE OF A BILL THE SENATE PASSED TOAY.

					<p>THE BILL WOULD ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS TO STOP DRIVERS SOLELY BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT WEARING THEIR SEATBELT. RIGHT NOW POLICE HAVE TO STOP A CAR FOR ANOTHER REASON AND ONLY THEN CAN THEY GIVE A TICKET FOR NOT WEARING A SEATBELT.</p> <p>THE HOUSE PASSED IT'S OWN TRANSPORTATION BILL TODAY THAT DID NOT INCLUDE THE SEAT BELT PROVISION.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/14	10.M.	:25	<p>WITH THE SESSION OVER, HERE'S A LOOK AT SEVERAL OF THE BILLS LAWMAKERS LEFT ON GOVERNOR HOLDEN'S DESK FOR APPROVAL.</p> <p>OF COURSE THERE'S THE BUDGET AND OTHER BILLS INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE, KIDNAPPING, AND CHILD PORN. LAWMAKERS ADDED TO THAT LIST *TODAY* BILLS ON FOSTER CARE AND UNEMPLOYED INSURANCE.</p> <p>THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO APPROVED AN AMENDMENT BANNING SAME SEX MARRIAGE.</p> <p>THE GOVERNOR MUST NOW DECIDE WHEN THE PUBLIC WILL VOTE ON THAT AMENDMENT.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/15	6 P.M.	:21	<p>THE MID-MISSOURI SOLID WASTE DISTRICT COLLECTED SOME HAZARDOUS MATERIAL... TO *HELP* THE ENVIRONMENT.</p> <p>THE DISTRICT COLLECTED ABOUT TWENTY TONS OF ITEMS AND IT PLANS TO RECYCLE ABOUT SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE MATERIALS COLLECTED.</p> <p>CARS LINED UP TO DROP OFF PAINT CANS, BATTERIES, AND MERCURY.</p> <p>COLLECTING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PROTECTS GROUNDWATER FROM TOXINS. AND GETS IT OUT OF PEOPLE'S HOMES WHERE IT MIGHT CAUSE HARM.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/16	10 P.M.	:21	<p>KAY HAARMANN CAME TO BUY A PIECE OF THE PAST.</p> <p>AUCTIONEERS SELLING PARTS OF THE OLD JEFFERSON CITY HIGH SCHOOL PLAN TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW ETTA AND JOSEPH MILLER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.</p> <p>THEY SOLD OLD LIGHTS, SPEAKERS, AND CHAIRS, TONS OF CHAIRS.</p> <p>OUT WITH THE OLD TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/17	10 P.M.	3:26	<p>BRANDI BERNINGS CHERISHES TIME WITH HER HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS.</p> <p>BUT AS KOMU REPORTED TWO WEEKS AGO, BRANDI WILL ADD SOME COLORFUL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS TO HER LIST OF FRIENDS AT THE MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.</p> <p>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WILL LEAVE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLWAYS EMPTY NEXT YEAR BECAUSE OF FEWER STUDENTS AND TO SAVE ABOUT 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS.</p>

					<p>IT'S A CHALLENGE YOU'VE HEARD OVER AND OVER FROM EDUCATORS ALL OVER THE STATE. AS WELL AS THE 100'S OF OTHER GROUPS VYING FOR A PIECE OF THE MISSOURI'S 18.9 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. GROUPS LIKE THE ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI. BUT THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESWOMAN TOLD ME THAT LOBBYISTS FROM ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI PRESENT THE BIGGEST ROADBLOCK TO REPEALING TAX LOOPHOLES AND CREDITS. IN FACT A 2-HUNDRED FORTY TWO MILLION DOLLAR HOLE. THAT'S HOW MUCH MONEY THE STATE IS GIVING UP BY GIVING OUT TAX CREDITS TO BUSINESSES. JUST TAKE A LOOK AT TAX CREDITS TO MISSOURI'S WINE AND GRAPE INDUSTRY. THAT'S 7-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MISSOURI IS NOT COLLECTING. HOW ABOUT A 30.7 MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THE STATE BUDGET BECAUSE MISSOURI REWARDS BUSINESSES FOR PAYING THEIR TAXES ON TIME. AGAIN, THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ONLY NEEDS \$50,000. AND THAT'S A JOB FOR NEXT YEAR'S LEGISLATURE IN AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF MISSOURI'S TAX SITUATION PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATURE AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LAST YEAR, IT SAYS A "...REVISITING OF THE MYRIAD PROVISIONS OF CREDITS, SEEM LONG PAST DUE." THE STUDY ALSO SAYS THAT TAX CREDITS PUT THE STATE IN "FISCAL TURMOIL" AND THAT LEAVES A POSSIBLE FUTURE STATE OFFICIAL FUMING. IT'S A CHALLENGE THE BRANDI AND HER NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS WILL TAKE IN STRIDE.</p>
DRUG ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/18	6 P.M.	:48	<p>THE HOUSE LOOKS EMPTY BUT THE POLICE HAVE BEEN HERE LOOKING FOR DRUGS TWICE IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING. POLICE SAY THE PEOPLE PULLED OVER HAD EITHER BEEN IN OR AROUND THE HOUSE AND WERE IN POSESSION OF EITHER DRUGS OR LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY. THE POSECUTOR FILED A MOTION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE COURT TO SHUT DOWN THE HOUSE FOR A YEAR.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/19	6 P.M.	1:20	<p>IT'S THE END OF THE LINE FOR MIDDLETOWN ELEMENTARY. THESE FOURTH GRADERS ARE MAKING THEIR LAST TRIP. LAST WEEK, THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO CLOSE DOWN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.</p>

					<p>AND SEND FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS TO WELLSVILLE INSTEAD.</p> <p>IN 2000,THE DISTRICT HAD CLOSE TO 540 STUDENTS.</p> <p>BUT THIS YEAR, ENROLLMENT IS AT 457.</p> <p>A DECLINE OF 85 STUDENTS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.</p> <p>AS THE KIDS LEAVE SCHOOL FOR THE LAST TIME...THE HALLWAYS WILL BE QUIET...THE BUILDING EMPTY...AND THE COMMUNITY FULL OF QUESTIONS.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/20	10 P.M.	1:06	<p>BRENDA CAREY DOESN'T MIND PEOPLE WEARING HATS OR SUNGLASSES IN TO THE CREDIT UNION WHERE SHE WORKS.</p> <p>THE YEAR BEFORE THE PROGRAM WENT INTO EFFECT, MISSOURI FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WERE ROBBED A HUNDRED 17 TIMES.</p> <p>IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROGRAM, THERE WERE 75 ROBBERIES, A DROP OF 36 PERCENT.</p> <p>AND AS LONG AS THE PROGRAM IS IN PLACE IT WILL MAKE EMPLOYEES LIKE BRENDA FEEL MORE AT EASE.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/21	6 P.M.	:21	<p>100-THOUSAND S-B-C PHONE COMPANY WORKERS GO ON STRIKE.</p> <p>THE UNION MEMBERS WANT MORE JOB SECURITY AND BETTER HEALTH BENEFITS.</p> <p>TEN UNION WORKERS WALKED THE PICKET LINE IN FULTON TODAY.</p> <p>RIGHT NOW, MANAGERS ARE DOING THE WORK THAT EMPLOYEES TYPICALLY DO.</p> <p>THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/22	10 P.M.	1:00	<p>AND BOTH DEMOCRATS -- AND REPUBLICANS -- AGREE ON ONE THING...</p> <p>MCCASKILL ALSO PLANS TO IMPROVE STATE ROADS AND CREATE MORE JOBS...</p> <p>BUT MATT BLUNT'S OFFICE HAS HEARD THE PROMISES BEFORE...</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/23	10 P.M.	:30	<p>PEOPLE AT THE EVENT LIKE THE DIRECTION THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE TOOK BY PASSING AN AMENDMENT TO BAN GAY MARRIAGE IN THE STATE...</p> <p>BUT THEY JUST DON'T THINK IT IS ENOUGH.</p> <p>THE EVENT FEATURED CONSERVATIVE SPEAKERS LIKE JAMES DOBSON FROM FOCUS ON THE FAMILY AND WELLINGTON BOONE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL CHURCHES.</p> <p>EACH SPEAKER OUTLINED ARGUMENTS, SAYING GAY MARRIAGE WOULD LEAD TO THE DISENTIGRATION OF THE FAMILY AND POLYGAMY.</p> <p>MOST ARGUMENTS WERE BASED IN RELIGIOUS FOUNDATIONS.</p> <p>BUT THE FIRST BAPTIST PASTOR SAYS RELIGION IS NOT ENOUGH.</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU	5/24	6 P.M.	:31	<p>THE HIGH GAS PRICES MAKE IT MORE</p>

	NEWS AT 6				<p>EXPENSIVE TO RUN THE BUSES YOU SEE BEHIND ME AND THAT CAN REALLY CUT INTO A SCHOOL'S BUDGET.</p> <p>MEXICO IS ONE DISTRICT STRUGGLING TO STAY UNDER BUDGET BECAUSE OF THE HIGH GAS PRICES.</p> <p>THE SCHOOL BUDGETED ABOUT THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GAS UP THEIR BUSES.</p> <p>BUT SUMMER SCHOOL WILL PROBABLY PUT THE ACTUAL COST OF GAS THIS YEAR A COUPLE THOUSAND DOLLARS HIGHER THAN THAT.</p> <p>NOW MEXICO AND OTHER SCHOOLS ARE SCRAMBLING TO FIX THEIR BUDGETS AND KEEP THE BUSES ROLLING.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/25	6 P.M.	:21	<p>THE FIRST MINORITY MAYOR IN FAYETTE'S HISTORY WILL TAKE OFFICE JUNE FIRST.</p> <p>BILL FISHER WILL TAKE OVER THE TOP SPOT AFTER SERVING ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS.</p> <p>FISHER IS GLAD OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL APPOINTED HIM TO THE JOB.</p> <p>BUT HE SAYS HE ACTUALLY HAD MORE POWER AS A CITY COUNCILMAN.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/26	10 P.M.	2:44	<p>IT'S A SERIOUS COMMITMENT... AND THAT'S WHAT JASON FANCHER EXPECTS FROM HIS EMPLOYEES AT HIS DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA TATTOO AND PIERCING SHOP.</p> <p>HOWEVER, HE AND OTHER ARTISTS FEEL THE STATE AGENCY THAT REGULATES TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS DOESN'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY ENOUGH.</p> <p>THE OFFICE OF TATTOOING, PIERCING AND BRANDING GRANTS LICENSES AND ENFORCES SANITATION STANDARDS.</p> <p>FANCHER AND OTHER TATTOO ARTISTS SAY THE OFFICE IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT IT'S STILL MISSING A BIG PIECE OF THE PICTURE.</p> <p>THE DIRECTOR SAYS THEY'RE DOING EVERYTHING THE LAW REQUIRES...</p> <p>BUT, ARTISTS SAY THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM...</p> <p>BEAUCHAMP SAYS HER OFFICE SPENT FOUR YEARS RESEARCHING AND CONSULTING ARTISTS TO COME UP WITH THE CURRENT REGULATIONS.</p> <p>BUT, THE ARTISTS WE SPOKE TO DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH TO SHOW FOR IT.</p> <p>INSPECTIONS OF TATTOO AND PIERCING SHOPS ARE ONLY DONE ONCE- WHEN THE ESTABLISHMENT IS APPLYING FOR THE LICENSE.</p> <p>AND THERE ARE NEVER ANY FOLLOW-UPS, NOT EVEN AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL.</p> <p>THE ARTISTS AND PIERCERS HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS.</p> <p>THEY SAY ALL ARTISTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF</p>

					<p>EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE... RECOMMENDING APPRENTICE-SHIPS. THE STATE SHOULD HAVE AN ADVISORY MEMBER OR BOARD REPRESENTING THE INDUSTRY. AND THEY SAY TATTOO ARTISTS SHOULD MAINTAIN A PORTFOLIO OF THEIR BEST WORK. VANESSA BEAUCHAMP SAYS HER OFFICE IS OPEN TO IDEAS, AND SOME CHANGES MAY BE COMING IN THE FUTURE. AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE INDUSTRY AND THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, THE TATTOO INDUSTRY HOPES THE OFFICE WILL TAKE ITS IDEAS INTO CONSIDERATION.</p>
JOBS	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/27	6 P.M.	:24	<p>I TALKED TO ONE EMPLOYEE TODAY WHO SAYS SHE UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION. BUT IT'S STILL DIFFICULT TO LEAVE. PAT VANBOOVEN LEFT HER OFFICE AT TOASTMASTER FOR THE LAST TIME TODAY AFTER WORKING THERE FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. SHE LEFT ALONG WITH SEVERAL OF HER CO- WORKERS. THE SALTON COMPANY CUT 200 JOBS NATIONWIDE TODAY. SOME EMPLOYEES SAY THEY KNOW THE COMPANY IS FACING HARD TIMES, BUT THAT IS NOTHING NEW.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/28	6 P.M.	1:06	<p>WHETHER IT'S CANDLES, FUNNEL CAKES OR T-SHIRTS. STORES AT LAKE OZARK ARE READY TO OPEN ... AND READY FOR SUMMER BUSINESS. ALTHOUGH EVEN THE BEST PREPARATIONS CAN'T CONTROL THE WEATHER. SO BUSINESSES HOPE YOU GRAB YOUR SUNGLASSES AND SWIMWEAR AND HIT THE LAKE.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/29	10 P.M.	1:14	<p>IT'S A BASIC SUPPLY AND DEMAND EQUATION... WHEN SUPPLY DECREASES AND DEMAND INCREASES, PRICES INCREASE. THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CEMENT INDUSTRY. CEMENT, ROCKS, SAND AND WATER ARE ALL USED TO MAKE CONCRETE, AN INGREDIENT USED TO BUILD HOMES AND DRIVEWAYS AND THERE'S NO RELIEF IN SIGHT. WHY IS DEMAND SO HIGH? THERE'S BEEN MORE CONSTRUCTION THAN EXPECTED, INCREASING DEMAND, AND NATIONALLY WARM WINTERS LED TO EARLIER BUILDING, WHICH ALSO INCREASED DEMAND. SO COME AUGUST, ONE MORE THING MAY COST YOU A LITTLE MORE MONEY.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/31	6 P.M.	1:14	<p>IN A TOWN KNOWN FOR ITS HISTORIC FEEL AND THE KATY TRAIL, IT'S TOMORROW'S SPECIAL ELECTION THAT HAS PEOPLE</p>

					<p>TALKING.</p> <p>FOR THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY YEARS, TODD SCHAPIRA HAS RUN FOR OFFICE. AND TIED.</p> <p>SO EASLEY AND SCHAPIRA DECIDED TO HAVE ANOTHER ELECTION.</p> <p>TOMORROW THE PEOPLE OF ROCHEPORT WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO BREAK THE TIE. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE'S ANOTHER TIE?</p> <p>EVERYONE HAS AN OPINION.</p> <p>NO MATTER WHO OR IF SOMEONE WINS, THE TOWN SUPPORTS BOTH CANDIDATES.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/1	10 P.M.	1:20	<p>THE ELECTION OFFICIALS IN ROCHEPORT KNOW HOW TO PASS THE TIME.</p> <p>VOTERS WERE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. IN A TOWN WHERE PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE KNOW'S EVERYONE ELSE, IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE. ONE CANDIDATE SAYS IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE.</p> <p>WHEN ONE OF THE 40 VOTERS CAME TO THE POLLS, ELECTION OFFICIALS SPRANG INTO ACTION, BUT NOT FOR LONG.</p> <p>THOSE LONG HOURS EVENTUALLY PAID OFF. SEVEN-O'CLOCK ROLLED AROUND, AND THE BOONE COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCED A WINNER.</p> <p>IN A TOWN WITH A HISTORY OF CLOSE VOTES, ELECTION OFFICIALS ARE JUST HAPPY THEY WON'T HAVE TO WAIT AROUND FOR ANOTHER ONE.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/2	10 P.M.	:16	<p>BUT, FAMILY MEMBERS WERE VERY VOCAL ABOUT THEIR SIDE.</p> <p>SCOTT AND DEANNA FORSHEE (FOR-SHAY) SAY THEIR BABYSITTER'S HUSBAND, A CENTRALIA POLICE OFFICER, SEXUALLY ABUSED THEIR THREE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER TEAGHEN (TAY-GHEN).</p> <p>OFFICERS AND A PSYCHOLOGIST HAVE INTERVIEWED TEAGHEN AND HER STORY HAS BEEN THE SAME EVERY TIME.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/3	10 P.M.	1:21	<p>JURORS DELIBERATED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS INTO THE EVENING...</p> <p>IT TOOK ALMOST THREE HOURS TO COME BACK WITH THE NOT GUILTY VERDICT.</p> <p>CALLAWAY COUNTY PROSECUTERS HAD CHARGED JANET L. MOORE WITH FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT, SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT AND FIRST DEGREE CHILD ENDANGERMENT.</p> <p>THE CHARGES CAME FROM AN INCIDENT IN DECEMBER 20-02.</p> <p>EMERGENCY WORKERS HAD TO AIRLIFT A BABY FROM MOORE'S DAYCARE.</p> <p>THE CHILD LIVED BUT HAD BRAIN HEMMORAGING.</p> <p>BUT THE DEFENSE SAYS THE INJURIES HAPPENED.</p>

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/4	10 P.M.	1:45	<p>LESS THAN 60 DAYS TO AN IMPORTANT PRIMARY AND GOVERNOR HOLDEN HITS THE TELEVISION AIRWAVES.</p> <p>A SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTED IN THE TWO SPOTS CURRENTLY RUNNING.</p> <p>BUT BEFORE HOLDEN FACES A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, HE MUST FIRST WIN THE PRIMARY.</p> <p>AS FOR McCASKILL'S CAMPAIGN.</p> <p>AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THEY HAVE.</p> <p>IN MID-APRIL THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION, WHICH MONITORS CAMPAIGN FINANCES, REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR HOLDEN HAD RAISED NEARLY FIVE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>HOLDEN' [S CAMPAIGN HAD SPENT TWO MILLION OF THAT BY APRIL 15.</p> <p>McCASKILL'S CAMPAIGN HAD RAISED OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS BY MID-APRIL.</p> <p>HER CAMPAIGN HAD SPENT A LITTLE OVER HALF A MILLION BY THAT SAME TIME.</p> <p>BUT THE PRICE TAG PROBABLY WON'T MATTER TO THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES...THEY NEED THE EXPOSURE.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/5	10 P.M.	:25	<p>POLICE HAVE CONFIRMED A DEAD BODY WAS FOUND ON THE GRASS BEHIND THIS APARTMENT COMPLEX ON THE CORNER OF WILSON AND WILLIAM STREET.</p> <p>A NEIGHBOR FOUND THE BODY AROUND 2 THIS AFTERNOON AND CALLED THE POLICE.</p> <p>THE POLICE CANNOT CONFIRM MANY DETAILS...</p> <p>BUT, THEY DID SAY IT IS A MALE.</p> <p>AND THEY *HAVE* IDENTIFIED THE BODY, BUT WILL NOT RELEASE A NAME UNTIL THE FAMILY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.</p> <p>THE CAUSE OF DEATH HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/6	10 P.M.	:25	<p>VALENCIA WAS A TWENTY-THREE YEAR OLD MALE STUDENT ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. AND POLICE DON'T THINK HIS DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/7	6 P.M.	:43	<p>POLICE SAY JESSE VALENCIA'S BODY LAID FOR HOURS BEFORE A NEIGHBOR FOUND IT.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THEY'RE SHOCKED THAT NO ONE HAD SEEN THE BODY UNTIL 2:00</p> <p>AND BECAUSE IT'S SO NEW, NEIGHBORS ARE ALSO SURPRISED NO ONE SAW THE BODY OUT IN THE OPEN.</p> <p>BUT SOME THINK THAT IF THEY HAD SEEN THE BODY THEY MIGHT HAVE MISTAKEN IT FOR SOMETHING ELSE.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/8	6 P.M.	1:18	<p>DONNA BATLINER'S JOB AT LAURIE OFFICE SUPPLY PAYS THE BILLS...INCLUDING HER TAX BILL.</p> <p>BUT THURSDAY, DONNA GOT QUITE A SURPRISE IN THE MAIL. A LETTER SAYING SHE OWED PROPERTY TAXES.</p> <p>THE LETTER CAME FROM NATIVE SOLUTIONS OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS.</p>

					<p>IT WARNED RESIDENTS THAT THEY WERE IN "THE BEGINNING OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES".</p> <p>IT ALSO OFFERED TO BUY THEIR PROPERTY WITH A "TROUBLE-FREE SALE, AS WELL AS A FAIR PRICE AND IMMEDIATE CASH."</p> <p>BUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPPED IN AND GOT A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST NATIVE SOLUTIONS.</p> <p>IT PREVENT NATIVE SOLUTIONS</p> <p>BATLINER HOPES THE STATE'S ACTION WILL STOP OTHERS FROM FALLING INTO THE SCAM.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/9	10 P.M.	1:39	<p>INSIDE THIS RURAL KENTUCKY HOUSE, THE PARENTS OF JESSE VALENCIA SIT WONDERING HOW THEY LOST THEIR SON. THOUGH VALENCIA'S FRIENDS SAY HE WAS ESTRANGED FROM HIS FAMILY, HIS PARENTS SAY THEY LOVED HIM VERY MUCH... AND TALKED TO HIM ALMOST EVERY DAY. THE REASON HE CAME TO COLUMBIA... A DECISION THAT LED TO HIS DEATH. A MYSTERY TO POLICE... HIS LIFE ENDED WHEN HIS ATTACKER SLIT HIS THROAT. HE LAY HERE TO DIE ON A LAWN DOWN THE BLOCK FROM HIS APARTMENT.... A VICIOUS ACT COLUMBIA RESIDENTS CONTINUE TALKING ABOUT. EVERY LEAD... FOLLOWED UP. SOMETHING HIS PARENTS SAY WILL HELP BRING THEIR SON'S KILLER TO JUSTICE.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/10	6 P.M.	1:03	<p>AS THOUSANDS PASS THROUGH THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA AND RONALD REAGAN IS LAID TO REST. STATE WORKERS HERE IN MISSOURI WON'T BE ENTERING THEIR OFFICES. AND ITS NOT JUST THE STATE, BUT COUNTIES TOO. COLE COUNTY'S DAILY OPERATING BUDGET IS ALMOST 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY, SO ADDING TOMORROW AS A HOLIDAY IS NOT TAKING AWAY FROM THE BANK.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/11	10 P.M.	:25	<p>RIOS ATTEMPTED TO HURT HIMSELF LAST NIGHT. HE CALLED THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SAY HE HAD A SHOTGUN AND PLANNED TO HURT HIMSELF. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF DIALOGUE, POLICE TOOK RIOS INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AROUND 11-30. ON APRIL 18TH, RIOS ARRESTED VALENCIA FOR OBSTRUCTING A GOVERNMENT OPERATION. COLUMBIA POLICE CHIEF RANDY BOEHM SAYS THAT WAS APPARENTLY THE FIRST TIME THE TWO MET, BUT GIVEN RIOS' ACTIONS LAST NIGHT, BOEHM SAYS THERE IS NOW REASON TO BELIEVE THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY.</p>

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/12	10 P.M.	:25	<p>COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICER STEVE RIOS IS IN A FULTON MENTAL HOSPITAL TONIGHT. GOOD EVENING, I'M ILANA GOLDFOGEL. LAST NIGHT RIOS *ESCAPED* FROM PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. THEN HE THREATENED TO JUMP FROM THE TOP OF MARYLAND AVENUE GARAGE, BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. THIS COMES ONE DAY AFTER OFFICER RIOS CALLED IN A SUICIDE THREAT. COLUMBIA POLICE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OFFICER RIOS' ACTIONS, BUT ARE *NOT* NAMING HIM AS A *SUSPECT*. BUT POLICE *DO* CONSIDER HIM A *PERSON OF INTEREST*. RIGHT NOW POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED LEADS AND HAVE THEIR EYES ON A NUMBER OF PEOPLE.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/13	10 P.M.	:18	<p>A 17- YEAR- OLD GIRL IS IN THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT, AFTER BEING SHOT IN HER HOME THIS AFTERNOON. THE SHOOTING OCCURED NORTH OF COLUMBIA AT 501- A MAULLER ROAD. K-O-M-U'S KNEZ WALKER JOINS US NOW WITH MORE... KNEZ, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STILL DOESN'T HAVE A SUSPECT RIGHT? SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE STILL INVESTIGATING...</p>
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/14	10 P.M.	1:09	<p>SHAMON WILLIAMS NORMALLY HOME-SCHOOLS HER CHILDREN. BUT THIS SUMMER, SHE DECIDED TO LET THEM ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL AT DERBY RIDGE ELEMENTARY... SOMETHING SHE MAY NEVER DO AGAIN. HER SIX-YEAR-OLD SON BRIAN WAS LOST. AFTER SEARCHING FRANTICALLY AMONG THE CROWDS OF CHILDREN, SHE FOUND BRIAN IN THE CAFETERIA CRYING. TIM MORRIS WENT AND PICKED HIM UP HIMSELF, BUT SAYS COLUMBIA'S SUMMER SCHOOL BUS SYSTEM NEEDS AN OVERHAUL. AND THAT'S A NIGHTMARE-COME-TRUE THAT WILLIAMS NEVER WANTS HAPPENING TO HER SON AGAIN.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/15	10 P.M.	1:24	<p>NO ONE DISPUTES THAT POINT. THE QUESTION IS WHY THE CABLE SNAPPED. PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE LAWYERS TOOK ALL MORNING TO PICK A JURY. THEN BOONE COUNTY PROSECUTORS BEGAN A CASE THAT CLAIMS MARCUS FLOYD DIDN'T MAINTAIN THE CLIMBING WALL HE OWNED AND THAT IS WHY THE CABLE SNAPPED. BUT DEFENSE LAWYERS SAY THE CABLE WAS DAMAGED BEFORE FLOYD BOUGHT THE WALL AND THE PREVIOUS OWNER COVERED UP THE DAMAGE WITH DUCT TAPE. EWING'S MOTHER WAS THE FIRST WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION.</p>

					FLOYD'S LAWYER SAYS HIS CLIENT WILL TAKE THE STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/16	10 P.M.	1:09	<p>POLICE WENT INTO RIOS' HOME LOOKING FOR TRACE EVIDENCE... LIKE BLOOD AND HAIR.</p> <p>THEY ALSO SEARCHED FOR BUT DID NOT FIND A CLIP-ON KNIFE WITH A FOLDING BLADE THAT RIOS OFTEN CARRIED.</p> <p>POLICE DID SEIZE...</p> <p>THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAINS IN TWO BATHROOMS...</p> <p>A PAIR OF BLACK SANDALS...</p> <p>TWO PAIRS OF KHAKI SHORTS...</p> <p>AND A GRAY MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL UNIFORM SHIRT.</p> <p>VALENCIA DIED SOMETIME AFTER 3:30 IN THE MORNING ON JUNE 5TH.</p> <p>POLICE CHIEF BOEHM SAYS RIOS GOT OFF WORK AROUND THREE.</p> <p>THE AFFIDAVIT CONFIRMS RIOS HAD A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VICTIM... BASED ON CONVERSATIONS INVESTIGATORS HAD WITH HIM...</p> <p>DOCUMENTS SHOW RIOS CHANGED HIS ALIBI...</p> <p>SAYING FIRST... HE MET WITH A FEW FRIENDS AFTER WORK, LEFT ALONE AROUND FIVE AND ARRIVED HOME 30 MINUTES LATER.</p> <p>HE LATER TOLD POLICE HE LEFT AROUND 5-15 AND GOT HOME AROUND 5-30.</p> <p>HIS WIFE -- SAYS SHE WAS AWAKE WHEN HE RETURNED AT 5:25.</p> <p>INVESTIGATORS TRAVELED THE DISTANCE FROM THE SOCIAL GATHERING TO VALENCIA'S APARTMENT AND TO RIOS' HOME... THEY CONCLUDED THERE WAS ENOUGH TIME FOR RIOS TO GO VISIT VALENCIA'S APARTMENT AND MAKE IT HOME BY 5-30.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/17	10 P.M.	:56	<p>SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW LAW SAY SCENES LIKE THIS HARM KIDS AND GIVE VISITORS THE WRONG IMPRESSION ABOUT MISSOURI.</p> <p>GERALD ULRICH OWNS FIRST AMENDMENT VIDEO NEAR BOONVILLE ON I-70. HE SAYS THE LAW COULD PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS.</p> <p>INSTEAD OF THIS, ADULT BUSINESSES WOULD BE ALLOWED JUST ONE SMALL SIGN SHOWING THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS AND THE HOURS ITS OPEN.</p> <p>ULRICH SAYS HE PLANS TO JOIN IN THE SUIT, WHICH WILL ARGUE THAT DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR A LEGAL BUSINESS VIOLATES THE FIRST AMENDMENT.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/18	10 P.M.	:21	<p>LATE BREAKING DETAILS TONIGHT ABOUT A SHOOTING THAT SENT A MAN TO THE HOSPITAL.</p> <p>IT HAPPENED ABOUT SEVEN OCLOCK</p>

					<p>TONIGHT ON GARTH AVENUE... NEAR WORLEY.</p> <p>POLICE SAY A 32-YEAR OLD MAN WAS TAKEN TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.</p> <p>THEY'RE NOT RELEASING DETAILS OF HIS CONDITION.</p> <p>NEIGHBORS SAY THEY HEARD ABOUT FIVE "POPS." PERHAPS FIREWORKS.</p> <p>THEY CALLED POLICE WHEN THEY REALIZED IT WAS GUNFIRE.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/19	6 P.M.	1:45	<p>ONE WEEK AFTER HER SON'S DEATH, LINDA VALENCIA TOLD K-O-M-U THAT STEVEN RIOS FELT HE HAD A CONNECTION WITH JESSE VALENCIA...</p> <p>SHE SAYS RIOS MADE HER SON FEEL COMFORTABLE... AFTER ALL, THEY BOTH CAME FROM A HISPANIC FAMILY, BOTH WERE BORN IN KENTUCKY, AND BOTH -- AT ONE TIME -- PLANNED TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL.</p> <p>BUT VALENCIA WAS CONCERNED BY RIOS' BEHAVIOR AT TIMES.</p> <p>HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE USING A FAKE NAME, NOT TO MENTION HE WAS MARRIED.</p> <p>RIOS LATER TOLD POLICE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS SEXUAL.</p> <p>AND FRIENDS SAY THAT LATE NIGHT VISIT IN APRIL TURNED INTO MANY MORE.</p> <p>VALENCIA'S FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND EVEN A CO-WORKER SAY RIOS BEGAN SHOWING UP ALL THE TIME... EVEN HARASSING THE VICTIM.</p> <p>DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH, JESSE VALENCIA CALLED HOME OFTEN... ONCE TELLING HIS MOTHER THAT RIOS LEFT A PHONE MESSAGE THREATENING HIS LIFE.</p> <p>A FRIEND SAYS VALENCIA TOLD RIOS HE PLANNED TO TELL POLICE ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP.</p> <p>POLICE SAY VALENCIA DIED SOMETIME AFTER 3-30 IN THE MORNING ON JUNE 5TH.</p> <p>AFTER RIOS GOT OFF WORK, WITNESSES SAY HE LEFT A SOCIAL GATHERING AT 4-40.</p> <p>HIS WIFE SAYS HE RETURNED HOME AT 5-25.</p> <p>INVESTIGATORS TRAVELED THE SAME ROUTE AND CONCLUDED RIOS WOULD HAVE HAD ENOUGH TIME TO STOP BY VALENCIA'S APARTMENT BEFORE GOING HOME.</p> <p>IDENTIFIED AS THE OFFICER VALENCIA HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH, RIOS THEN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE TWICE AND REMAINS UNDER WATCH AT A FULTON MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY.</p> <p>POLICE SEARCHED RIOS' HOME FOR EVIDENCE.</p> <p>THEY COULD NOT FIND A KNIFE HE OFTEN CARRIED AND THE T-SHIRT HE WORE THE NIGHT OF THE HOMICIDE.</p>

COMSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/20	10 P.M.	1:16	<p>GLENN RICE IS HELPING COLUMBIA AND HIS WALLET. HE HAS A SWITCH ON HIS AIR CONDITIONER THAT HELPS CONSERVE ENERGY.</p> <p>RICE TAKES PART IN THE CITY'S LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. IT'S DESIGNED TO KEEP COSTS DOWN WHEN TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND THE CITY HAVE THEIR AC'S ON.</p> <p>AND THAT LASTS ABOUT SEVEN MINUTES AND WOULD LIKELY HAPPEN ONLY A FEW DAYS A SUMMER.</p> <p>THE CITY SAYS THE TIME THE A-C IS OFF IS SO SHORT THAT PARTICIPANTS DON'T NOTICE.</p> <p>BUT PEOPLE DO NOTICE THE SAVINGS. LOAD MANAGEMENT MEMBERS GET A 3 PERCENT DISCOUNT ON THEIR ELECTRIC BILL FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER.</p> <p>A GOOD THING THAT THIRTEEN THOUSAND COLUMBIA RESIDENTS ARE ALL READY USING.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/21	6 P.M.	1:24	<p>SHERIFF KENNY JONES HAS SQUEEZED HIS WAY THROUGH THE MONITEAU COUNTY JAIL FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS.</p> <p>HE CAN RELATE TO THE INMATES CLOSE QUARTERS.</p> <p>THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO STUFF THINGS WHERE EVER THEY CAN FIND SPACE.</p> <p>SHERIFF JONES SAYS THE CELLS ARE TOO SMALL FOR THE TWO BEDS THEY CURRENTLY HOUSE.</p> <p>ONE RESIDENT SAYS THE IMPROVEMENTS COULD HELP SEPARATE SERIOUS CRIMINALS FROM THOSE WHO COMMIT A LESSER CRIME.</p> <p>THE COUNTY COMMISSION WILL START WITH THE 460 THOUSAND DOLLARS IT'S SAVED FROM THE SALES TAX, BUT ISN'T SURE HOW MUCH THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL COST.</p>
JOBS/ECONOM Y	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/22	6 P.M.	:25	<p>COLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ABUSE THEIR INTERNET ACCESS COULD BE OUT OF A JOB.</p> <p>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A NEW INTERNET POLICY.</p> <p>IT PREVENTS EMPLOYEES FROM LOOKING AT PORN, SENDING OBSCENE MESSAGES, AND UNPROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.</p> <p>THE POLICY ALSO FORBIDS *EXTENSIVE PERSONAL USE* OF THE NET.</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS SAY THIS SENDS A MESSAGE TO EMPLOYEES THAT THEY SHOULD SURF THE WEB WISELY.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/23	10 P.M.	1:19	<p>L'IL CRITTERS GUMMY VITES LOOK HARMLESS.</p> <p>BUT STUDIES SHOW, THEY'RE NOT.</p> <p>KELLY WEBER GAVE HER CHILDREN THESE VITAMINS EVERY DAY.</p> <p>THIS COULD CAUSE SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS.</p> <p>SOME SAY THIS COULD HURT THE</p>

					<p>COMPANY'S CREDIBILITY. BUT WEBER IS CONCERNED THAT BIG CHAINS ACTUALLY SELL HARMFUL VITAMINS LIKE THIS. WEBER SAYS SHE WON'T GIVE THE MULTI-VITAMIN TO HER CHILDREN ANY MORE.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/24	10 P.M.	:58	<p>A LOT OF RESTAURANT GOERS, LIKE SHARON HOLMES PREFER TO EAT AT LOCALLY OWNED RESTAURANTS BUT THERE'S BEEN AN INFLUX OF CHAIN RESTAURANTS INTO DOWNTOWN--LION'S CHOICE, COLD STONE, AND QUIZNOS TO NAME A FEW. FLAT BRANCH IS ONE RESTAURANT WHERE OWNERS SAY THEY'RE CONCERNED WITH THE CHAIN RESTAURANTS. AND OTHERS HAVE MADE SIMILAR COMPLAINTS IN THE PAST. GARTNER SAYS THERE'S NO PROBLEM BETWEEN THE NATIONAL CHAINS AND LOCAL EATERIES. BUT THE LOCAL OWNER OF ONE CHAIN SANDWICH SHOP SAYS HE FELT IT WHEN HE MOVED IN. THEY'LL KEEP COMING IN, WITH OR WITHOUT THE OPEN ARMS OF THE LOCAL RESTAURANT COMMUNITY.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMUE NEWS AT 6	6/25	6 P.M.	:59	<p>TAD JOHNSEN IS IN CHARGE OF COLUMBIA'S MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT. HE SAYS, RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO WAY TO ACCUATELY MEASURE MERCURY EMISSIONS. AND SINCE THERE'S NO WAY... THERE'S NO REASON TO INCREASE UTILITY BILLS ALMOST 5-TIMES FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. BUT THE OZARK SIERRA CLUB SAYS THE MONEY *IS* WORTH IT. AND IT SAYS IT WOULDN'T COST THAT MUCH. AND WALLACE MCMULLEN SAYS THE COST IS WELL WOTH IT. BECAUSE ULTIMATELY... IT'S YOUR HEALTH THAT'S AT RISK.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/26	10 P.M.	:17	<p>THE NUMBER OF VOTERS IN COLUMBIA IS *GROWING*. GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING OR *GRO* WANTS TO REGISTER 25-HUNDRED NEW COLUMBIA VOTERS BY OCTOBER 7'TH. THAT'S THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE GROUP HAS REGISTERED AROUND 16-HUNDRED NEW VOTERS. GRO OFFICIALS SAY COLUMBIA RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW THAT EVERY VOTE COUNTS.</p>
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/27	10 P.M.	:46	<p>THE PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MCCASKILL CAMPAIGN SAYS THE LETTER FROM A HOLDEN SUPPORTER IN SPRINGFIELD ASKS FOR MONEY TO RE- ELECT THE GOVERNOR. BUT INSTEAD OF MAKING A DIRECT DONATION, THE LETTER SAYS PEOPLE</p>

					<p>SHOULD SEND THEIR MONEY TO THE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE... AND THEY WILL SEND IT TO HOLDEN'S CAMPAIGN. THE PROBLEM IS, AN INDIVIDUAL CAN ONLY DONATE 1,200 DOLLARS TO A CANDIDATE. BUT A COMMITTEE CAN DONATE 10 TIMES THAT MUCH.</p> <p>MCCASKILL CALLS IT "CIRCUMVENTING EXISTING LAWS" TO FUNNEL MONEY. AND SEES IT AS "A SMOKING GUN."</p> <p>THE MCCASKILL CAMPAIGN ALSO SAYS IT'S ILLEGAL.</p> <p>BUT I TALKED WITH THE BOONE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN, CHARLES CHRISTY, AND HE SAYS THE LAW'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.</p> <p>AFTER CONSULTING WITH TWO ATTORNEYS AND THE STATE BOARD, CHRISTY HAD ALL DIFFERENT ANSWERS.</p> <p>HOLDEN'S CAMP SAYS THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM IS NOT THE PROBLEM.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMUE NEWS AT 6	6/28	6 P.M.	1:01	<p>MISSOURI HAS ELEVEN CASINOS AROUND THE STATE AND ROCKAWAY BEACH COULD BE HOME TO NUMBER TWELVE.</p> <p>THE PROPOSED CASINO WOULD SIT ON THE WHITE RIVER, ABOUT 15 MILES FROM BRANSON.</p> <p>MISSOURIANS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, SAY REVENUE FROM THE PROPOSED CASINO WOULD GO TO PAY TEACHERS AND IMPROVE SCHOOLS THOUGHOUT THE STATE.</p> <p>THEY SAY IT WOULD PROVIDE NEARLY A 1000 JOBS.</p> <p>BUT EVEN SO, THE BRANSON-LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE CASINO AWAY.</p> <p>BUT SUPPORTERS DON'T THINK THE NEW ADDITION WOULD AFFECT BRANSON.</p>
CONSUMER	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/29	10 P.M.	:22	<p>CHANCES ARE YOU DON'T KNOW THE NAMES OF *MOST* OF THE BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA.</p> <p>BUT YOU PROBABLY *DO* KNOW NAMES LIKE DOMINOES, SUBWAY, AND QUIZNO'S.</p> <p>SOME INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OWNERS DOWNTOWN WANT TO CHANGE THAT.</p> <p>THEY'RE FORMING AN ALLIANCE TO HELP SMALLER, MORE LOCAL BUSINESSES COMPETE AGAINST SOME OF THE LARGER CORPORATIONS.</p> <p>THEY WANT INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND HOPE THERE IS MORE INTERACTION BETWEEN SHOPPERS AND OWNERS.</p>
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/30	10 P.M.		<p>IT'S BEEN THREE AND A HALF WEEKS SINCE JESSE VALENCIA WAS KILLED.</p> <p>BUT CHIEF BOEHM SAYS REVIEW BOARDS USUALLY INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST OFFICERS.</p> <p>BUT STILL, RESIDENTS WONDER IF A REVIEW BOARD IS NEEDED.</p>

					<p>A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD COULD BE A BUFFER BETWEEN CITIZENS AND POLICE. MU'S POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSCRIBES TO CALEA... AN ACCREDEDATION PROGRAM THAT SETS STANDARDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT AFFILIATED. BUT CHIEF BOEHM SAYS CALEA IS USEFUL. AND BOEMS SAYS THESE STANDARDS ARE ENOUGH TO PROTECT COLUMBIANS.</p>
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